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## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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A RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign the issue of renewable energy development to the regulatory flexibility committee.

*Whereas, Expanding the generation and use of renewable energy resources in Indiana has the potential to stimulate investment, boost income for farmers and other landowners, and create high paying manufacturing and service sector jobs;*

*Whereas, The use of renewable energy resources may serve as a hedge against high natural gas prices;*

*Whereas, The generation and use of renewable energy resources in Indiana will improve air quality and water quality, reduce the impact of energy production on Indiana's finite*

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*water resources, and improve public health and other aspects of the environment; and*

*Whereas, The generation and use of renewable energy resources in Indiana will enhance Indiana's energy security and independence by diversifying the sources of fuel used to generate electricity for Indiana customers: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign the
- 2           issue of renewable energy development to the regulatory flexibility
- 3           committee.
- 4           SECTION 2. That, if so ordered, the regulatory flexibility
- 5           committee shall study the following:
- 6               (1) The potential for various renewable energy resources to be
- 7               used as a fuel source, or to generate electricity, in a manner that
- 8               is economically and environmentally sound, taking into
- 9               consideration:
- 10               (A) Indiana's natural resources, geographic location, land
- 11               availability, climate, and topography;
- 12               (B) the potential market, both inside and outside Indiana, for
- 13               any electricity or products produced in connection with a
- 14               particular renewable energy resource project; and
- 15               (C) any other factors the regulatory flexibility committee
- 16               considers relevant in evaluating the economic and
- 17               environmental soundness of a particular renewable energy
- 18               resource or project.
- 19           The committee may study a variety of renewable energy
- 20           resources, including dedicated crops grown for energy
- 21           production, organic waste biomass, landfill gases, hydropower,
- 22           solar photovoltaic cells and panels, fuel cells, wind power, or
- 23           other similar resources.
- 24               (2) Whether to recommend legislation to:
- 25               (A) require electricity suppliers to supply a certain
- 26               percentage of their total electricity supply from renewable
- 27               energy resources;
- 28               (B) provide tax credits or other incentives to encourage
- 29               investment in the development or expansion of renewable
- 30               energy resource projects in Indiana; or
- 31               (C) provide other requirements or incentives with respect to
- 32               the generation and use of renewable energy resources in
- 33               Indiana.
- 34           SECTION 3. That the regulatory flexibility committee shall report



1 its findings to the legislative council as directed to do so by the council.

